

RUSSIA READY TO DEMOBILIZE NEAR FRONTIER

Agreement Is Announced Between Czar's Country and Austro-Hungary Whereby Troops On Line Will Be Withdrawn.

WILL NOT AFFECT BALKAN SITUATION

Agreement Makes No Provision With Respect to Austria's South and Eastern Frontier and Turkey Is Anxious.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] ST. PETERSBURG, March 11.—Demobilization by Russia and Austro-Hungary was announced tonight in an official communication issued by the two countries. This sets forth that the exchange of letters between Emperor Francis Joseph and Emperor Nicholas has proved they will continue the friendship of the two nations as both are desirous of maintaining peace. "The two governments, therefore," continues the communication, have arrived at an agreement that certain measures of a purely defensive character on the frontier of the provinces are no longer required and according to Austria has decided to reduce the Austro-Hungarian forces at Galicia to a normal footing, while Russia will disband her reservists which should have been disbanded last August. A semi-official Russian agency is authorized to state that as a result of the explanations which were exchanged with the Vienna cabinet, Austria cherishes no aggressive policy against her neighbors to the south.

Effects Only Russia. VIENNA, March 11.—The stand here of the Austro-Russian agreement to demobilize will affect only the Russian frontier and makes no provision with respect to Austria's south and eastern frontier. Turkey, it is understood has taken steps at London to induce the powers to act collectively in demanding from the Serbian government an explanation regarding the dispatch of additional troops by Serbia to Durazzo. Growing irritation is displayed in official and military circles here over Serbia's actions which are believed to have been encouraged by the apparently helplessness and dilatory procedure of the ambassadors in conference at London. It is well known that Serbia has no real desire to see Montenegro become more powerful and her action in assisting in the attack on Scutari excites the suspicion of Vienna, where an opinion is held that this was designed to strengthen the Serbian position on the Adriatic.

The organs of the military party are urging Austria to take vigorous steps to guard the threatened interests, without further regard to the selfish aims of the other powers. In the meantime, it is declared that forces are assembled on the Serbian frontier that will not be weakened in the slightest by the dispersing of the reservists.

Accept Mediation. SOFIA, March 11.—The official newspaper Mir, says the Balkan allies have accepted the proposal of European mediation. The allies stipulate, however, that Turkey must pay an indemnity. Hostilities, it is further stated, will continue during the negotiations.

London Is Disturbed. LONDON, March 11.—European chancelleries and stock markets kept conditions at a nervous tension. No sooner did one thorny problem seem on the way to solution than another crops up.

The long expected agreement and Austro-Russian demobilization was published tonight. The allies accepted the powers' offer of mediation on certain conditions arrangements may have been completed and settlement is complete between Bulgaria and Roumania by conference of ambassadors at St. Petersburg presided over by Sergius Sazonoff Russian foreign minister.

Thus the way seems prepared for a restoration of peace in the Balkans. But at the moment a new difficulty was raised by Austria, which objects to Serbia going to the assistance of Montenegro and endeavoring to enlist the powers to her side to coerce Serbia. Also Austria declines to demobilize on the Serbian frontier. It appears therefore, to be the fate of Scutari to still menace the peace of Europe. Austria is determined to make Scutaria the capital of Autonomous Albania. Montenegro is to get possession of Scutari and the allies' present temper seems hardly likely to allow Serbia to abandon the intention of going to the assistance of Montenegro at Austria's bidding. According to dispatches from Vienna and Belgrade, Greek transports are landing further large Serbian forces at San Giovanni De Munda. These will assist in the general attack on Scutari next week. It is understood that Russia will disband two hundred and thirty thousand reservists as per agreement with Austria. A Constantinople dispatch tonight

WILSON JOINS THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

WASHINGTON, March 11.—President Wilson has accepted membership in the University club, of Washington, and will pay his dues, just as any other member does. The University club is the first club the president has joined in Washington.

Confident That Sawtelle Will Be Judge Appointed

BY O. K. DAVIS WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Senator Smith of Arizona today saw President Wilson for a short time relative to the appointment of W. H. Sawtelle of Tucson to judge of the United States district court for Arizona. The president referred Mr. Smith to Attorney General McReynolds to whom Judge Sawtelle had previously been recommended by Senators Smith and Ashurst who had agreed upon Judge Sawtelle for the federal judgeship, in the course of a general agreement between them regarding the distribution of the federal patronage of Arizona. Both senators expressed confidence that Judge Sawtelle would be appointed.

NOGALES NEXT FOR AN ATTACK

Border Town South of Santa Cruz County May Be In Throes of Battle With Only Three Hundred Rurales to Defend.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] DOUGLAS, March 11.—Colonel Kosterlitzky, commanding the federal garrison at Nogales is getting ready tonight to defend that town with three hundred rurales against one thousand constitutionalists under General Obregon, who threatened to attack before morning. After a consultation with Captain C. C. Smith, commander of the United States cavalry on the border patrol at Nogales, Arizona, Kosterlitzky abandoned his announced intention of moving the federal arms to America soil and declares he has a handful of rurales people who will meet extermination in battle before entering the United States.

Trains are prepared tonight to rush United States troops from Fort Huachuca to Nogales in the event of danger to the American city. Insurgent state troops proceeded toward the border today after victories in driving the Huerta soldiers from the inland border towns.

Large groups of constitutionalists are surrounding Agua Prieta and six hundred of another group early in the day approached close to Nogales center, opposite the Arizona town of the same name. Both posts were menaced at the same time preventing the federals from combining.

Particularly difficult was the position of General Ojeda, commanding the Agua Prieta garrison. The fear of causing danger to residents of Douglas brought his orders to evacuate the border towns. But the state troops, fresh from victories at Naco, Zari, and El Tigre, surrounded the town and demanded the federal's arms. As an only alternative, late today it was found that the federals are loading their arms, ammunition and artillery on box cars with the evident intention of running a train to the American side and following, unarmed. This would prevent the state rebels from securing their ammunition and at the same time General Ojeda would be cleared of responsibility in view of the borders from the Mexican war department.

W. T. Fitzhugh, customs collector at Douglas, has received no request from the Mexican general to bring over arms, nor could such be granted without permission from Washington, which so far has not recognized the Huerta government.

PRINCE TO STUDY

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] LONDON, March 11.—The Prince of Wales will leave London on March 17 for Germany, according to an official announcement tonight. He will go incognito to study languages for a few weeks and will be the guest of the king and queen of Wurtemberg.

FRIEDMANN STILL BUSY

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] MONTREAL, March 11.—Dr. Friedrich F. Friedmann, demonstrated his treatment for tuberculosis to fifty-six patients in the Rex Edward institute today.

reports that fighting was resumed at both Tchatsch and Bulair.

Ambassadors in London of European powers held another meeting today at the foreign office and for more than two hours discussed the general situation in the near east. As no reply was received from the allies on the subject of mediation no definite progress was made. Another meeting will be held Thursday.

PARRAL CENTER OF LONG FIGHT WITH HUGE LOSS

Ex-insurrecto Troops, Who Rebelled Against Huerta Government Return After Recruiting and Try to Take the Town.

ENGAGE IN CLOSE FIGHTING

Fire Works Havoc Among Residences While Townspeople Riot, Burning Market Place and Attacking the Banks.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] EL PASO, TEXAS, March 11.—Desperate fighting in an attack on Parral, Chihuahua, entailing a huge loss of life in a fifty hour battle was reported in belated advices reaching here late today. Some fifteen hundred Constitutionalists, rebelling against Huerta's national government in Chihuahua were driven back by an almost equal number of federal regulars and the city and the Central American Mining and Industrial interests were badly demolished by the bombardment and the street fighting in which even the townspeople engaged.

Ex-insurrecto troops, who rebelled against the Huerta government and left Parral last week after mobilizing and recruiting at Santa Barbara, nearby, returned on March 5 to retake the city. One thousand federals from Chihuahua city were reinforced by two hundred regulars at Parral. On the afternoon of March 5, the insurgents attacked and the battle continued until the evening of March 7. On the morning of the last day the rebels took the fortified hills surrounding the city.

Col. Morcado, garrison commander and Col. Castro who brought the reinforcements from the state capital, called for volunteers to retake the outlying positions. Five hundred men responded and after charges and almost hand to hand fighting drove the insurgents from the hills. Then the constitutionalists fired on the southern section of town, driving the city officials from the houses and causing a great loss of life. That night the insurgents withdrew and were pursued. During the fighting, mobs of townspeople rioted, burning the market place and attacking the banks. Volleys from the soldiers ranks soon quieted the disturbances.

American Capital Used

MEXICO, March 11.—The federal authorities have taken cognizance of reports that American capital is being employed in the Constitutionalists' propaganda and the threatened invasion of Sonora by an organized band of American filibusters, and it is announced that representations will be made to Washington requesting that extraordinary precautions be taken on the border for the preservation of neutrality. Forces under Emilio Campa, comprising a part of the Orizco army will be employed in the Sonora campaign. The federals are instructed to use every effort to avoid conflict on the border where there is possibility of injury to man or property and to protect the foreign interests in Sonora and other states.

The government is determined to exert every possible effort to prevent Ex-Governor Maytorena and his followers from precipitating a clash with the United States. Officials tonight profess the belief that General Inez Salazar is loyal, but if his forces take the field, practically the entire northern tier of states being in revolt congress tomorrow will be asked to place a military governor in Sonora. In extradition to the ominous situation in the north there is marked improvement in the south.

Great Britain will recognize the Huerta government, according to official advices received today by Francisco De La Barra, minister of foreign relations from the Mexican legation in London. De La Barra announced that Bartolome Carbajal Y Rosas, recently transferred from St. Petersburg to take the post of minister to London, is persona grata to the British government. At the conclusion of a lengthy cabinet session tonight it was announced that ten thousand federals will be rushed to Sonora in an effort to crush the secessionists before the movement spreads. The government has received unofficial advices that the constitutionalists' party in Sonora was united with that of Sinola and Lower California in the secession movement.

Maytorena Talks TUCSON, March 11.—Ex-governor Maytorena denied today the assumption made in the Mexican chamber of deputies that foreign capital is interested in Sonora, and is aiding the anti-Huerta uprising. "Worst war in Mexico," was one of the governor's retorts.

Bliss to Investigate WASHINGTON, March 11.—No change in the disposition of United States troops on the border between El Paso and Nogales is likely in view of the report today to the war

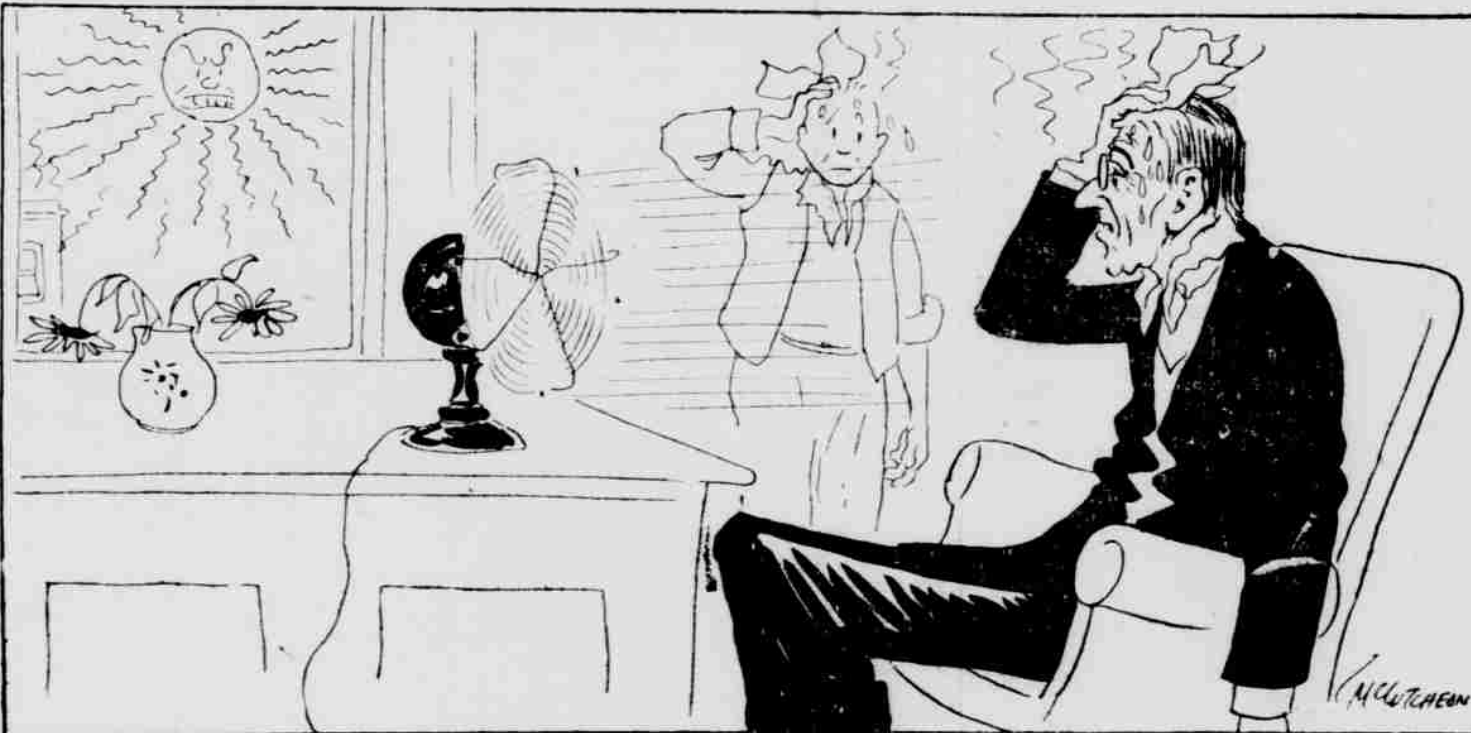
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WINTER'S NO TIME TO INVITE A MAN TO JOIN A GOLF CLUB

By John T. McCutcheon.



Winter in Trenton, temperature zero—"No, thanks, gentlemen. I shall be too busy."



Summer in Washington, temperature 110 in the shade—"I wish I had accepted that country club invitation."

WILSON ON THE REPUBLICS OF SOUTH AMERICA

President Issues Statement In Which He Says Chief Object Will Be to Cultivate Friendship of the Neighboring Countries.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, March 11.—President Wilson tonight issued this formal statement of his policy toward the Central and South American republics:

"The chief objects of my administration will be to cultivate the friendship and deserve the confidence of the sister republics of Central and South America and to promote in every proper and honorable way the interests of the common people of the two continents. I earnestly desire the most cordial understanding and co-operation between the people and leaders of the Americas, and therefore deem it my duty to make this brief statement:

"Co-operation is possible only when supported at every turn by the processes of a just government, based upon law and not upon arbitrary and irregular force. We hold as sure all thoughtful leaders of a republic that a just government rests always with the consent of the governed and that there can be no freedom without order based on law, public conscience and approval.

"We shall look to make these principles the basis of mutual intercourse, respect and helpfulness between the sister republics and ourselves.

"We shall lend influence of every kind to a realization of these principles in fact and practice, knowing that disorder, personal intrigue, and defiance of constitutional rights weaken the desired government and injure none so much as the people who are unfortunate enough to have their common life and common affairs tainted and disturbed.

"We have no sympathy with those who seek to seize the power of government to advance their own personal interests and ambitions. We are friends in peace, but we know there can be no lasting or stable peace under such circumstances. And therefore, we shall prefer those who act in the interest of peace and honor, and who protect private rights and respect restraints of constitutional provisions. Mutual respect seems to us an indispensable foundation for friendship between the states as well as between individuals.

"The United States has nothing to seek in Central or South America except the lasting interests of the people of the two continents, the security of governments intended for

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EXECUTIONS FOR STORING OPIUM

CHENG TU, March 11.—Two merchants were executed secretly for storing opium. Four officers were killed by the militia while attempting to force farmers to destroy their poppy crops.

Golden Rule Chief Shown In Bad Light In Cleveland Ohio

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] CLEVELAND, March 11.—Witnesses for the prosecution in the trial before the civil service commission of "Golden Rule" Chief of Police Fred Koehler for misconduct, testified today concerning events alleged to have taken place at the home of Samuel L. Scheerer on June 5, 1912, on which the charges against Koehler are based.

Clayton P. Benjamin, a friend of Scheerer testified he accompanied Scheerer that night, when the latter is said to have broken into his home through a window and found Koehler in company of Mrs. Scheerer. Benjamin said he, Koehler, Scheerer and Mrs. Scheerer talked for an hour after Scheerer broke in, Scheerer insisting that Koehler and Mrs. Scheerer leave the house and Koehler begging Scheerer "not to be too hard on her as she was a good girl and had done nothing wrong."

HORSE RACING STATUS IN NEW YORK IS VAGUE

After Meeting of Race Association Representatives, Members Maintain Great Big Silence.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] NEW YORK, March 11.—Whether horse racing in New York state race tracks will be resumed remained an open question after a meeting today of representatives of the racing association.

"It is a very difficult problem so far and we are unable to make definite arrangements," was the announcement made at the conclusion of the conference by Phillip J. Dwyer who represented the Brooklyn, Queens County Jockey club.

Others at the meeting refused to say anything for publication but it is taken as a significant fact that William A. Engerman of the Brighton Beach racing association which has not been considered in the matter since the revival racing was first spoken of was in attendance. Others who took part in the discussion were August Belmont of the Westchester racing association and James Butler of the Empire City racing association of Yonkers, who returned yesterday from Juarez.

WEATHER TODAY.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—For Arizona: Fair.

LAND BILL FUSS ENDS NOWHERE IN THE SENATE

After Two Hours Spent Yesterday in Discussion Roberts Bill Is Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

At the conclusion of two hours of discussion and maneuvering in the senate the Roberts land leasing bill creating county boards, known officially as S. B. 33, was with several essential amendments sent back to the committee on public lands, and after two afternoons of fight upon the floor of the senate the bill is just where it started. As was expected the fight came up when the senate went into the committee of the whole, Hechtman presiding yesterday afternoon for a continued discussion of the bill, the committee having completed its session the evening before without finishing the consideration of the bill.

Wood of Maricopa was speaking to a motion to strike out certain statements in the bill relative to the right of the settler on the school lands of the improvements that he has placed on the land. This section was so worded that each owner would fix his own valuation on his class of property, to which Mr. Wood was opposed.

Roberts answered both the speeches of Davis of the day previous and Wood of yesterday. He said that in fixing up the bill he as the originator of it had seen to it that four checks had been placed therein in the matter of the appraisement of the property. Pace was of the opinion that the bill was the worst bill that had ever come before the senate. Cummins again made the proposition that if no relief could be obtained for the settlers on school lands under reclamation projects, that congress could pass another law amending the former reclamation so that the water could be delivered to the state.

This was in answer to the statement of both Wood and Davis of Maricopa that the settlers on school lands under the reclamation projects had no status and could have none under the reclamation act. The proposition of Cummins's brought Sims to his feet with the question as to whether or not the state legislature had not tried to have that done at the last session of congress, and without result.

Wood explained that the law had sought to be changed by memorials to congress from every state in the union having school land under reclamation projects and that each proposition had been turned. In spite of Cummins's assertion that the present administration would deal differently

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FOURTEEN MEN NOMINATED FOR CHARTER BOARD

Harmonious Meeting of Committee of One Hundred and Twenty-five Nominates Candidates for Charter Commission.

RECEIVES REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE

Will Meet Again Friday Week to Discuss Proposed Changes in Charter So As to Conform to State Constitution.

Nominees of committee of one hundred and twenty-five for charter commission. J. L. B. Alexander, L. W. Coggins, H. A. Diehl, W. S. Humbert, Joseph H. Kibbey, W. B. Lount, Ancil Martin, Joseph Thalheimer, P. A. Tharaldson, Frank P. Trott, H. B. Wilkinson, H. B. Korsting, B. T. Gillette, B. A. Fowler.

The committee of one hundred and twenty-five met last night in the upper hall of the city hall and nominated fourteen representative business and professional men whose names appear above as members of the board of freeholders which under the constitution of the state can draft a proposed charter for the city, providing the selections of the committee of one hundred and twenty-five meet the approval of the majority of the electors of the city of Phoenix at an election which will be called for that purpose.

The committee did not stop with this task alone. In fact they started another task before the consideration of the nominations came up. It was the report of the committee of fifteen upon the charter, which committee has been working for some weeks upon the objections that exist in the old proposed charter, seeking to eliminate them and to make the new proposed charter while largely a copy of the old, stronger than the first document, and much more free from criticism.

The committee reported in nineteen amendments to the first document, which will be published in the course of a few days in these columns, together with the explanatory statements so that the public may understand what changes have been made in the proposed charter that was approved by so large a majority of the citizens of the city, only to fail by reason of constitutional difficulties. The changes are nineteen in number, ten of which deal with the stated objections of the attorney general and the governor to the former document and nine of which deal with other sections not mentioned in the report of the two state officials, but none the less likely to be open to criticism, and which in the judgment of the committee were in need of some strengthening.

Owing to the importance of this portion of the work of the committee of one hundred and twenty-five, and the desire of the members to acquaint themselves with the changes made, it was decided by unanimous vote that the action of the whole committee upon the report be postponed for ten days, and that a meeting of the whole committee be called for that purpose on March 21. This is one week from Friday night.

Then came the questions of the nominations of the whole committee for positions on the board of freeholders, the election for which must be called today in order to get the work done with the least possible delay. Upon a ballot vote the members referred to above were chosen, and Judge Thomas who was present went to the city clerk's office and procured nominating petitions which were immediately filed out and signed one for each of the nominees. These will be further circulated today until the required number of names are obtained and then they will be filed with the recorder and mayor.

Following this action the committee proceeded to pass the following resolution relative to the tenure of office of the present city council up to the time the commission form of government proposed by the new charter goes into effect. The resolution is self explanatory and to the point.

Whereas, the present city officials whose terms of office expire on May next are again candidates to fill their said offices upon a non-partisan ticket;

And whereas, the ensuing term of office will necessarily be short, inasmuch as the commission form of government that will be inaugurated under the proposed charter will go into effect before the end of the present year and it appearing that said

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